



# Joy Witt

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Chicago ' Joy Constance (Arthur) Witt, 76, of Chicago, formerly of Decatur passed away Friday, October 26, 2012, at her Chicago condo, with her family at her side.

A celebration of Joy's life will be held from 11:00am to 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at Prairie Avenue Christian Church, Decatur, Illinois with a memorial service at 1pm. Interment will be held privately at Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Robert L. and Joy C. Witt Scholarship Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Joy was born September 16, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of John T. and Hazel M. (Pfeiffer) Arthur. She was in the first graduating class from Oak Lawn High School, Oak Lawn, IL in 1954. She obtained her college degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL. She married Robert 'Bob' Witt on October 3, 1959, in Decatur, Illinois. Her entire teaching career was spent in Decatur, as an elementary school teacher with an emphasis in reading recovery. She was loved and will be missed by all that knew her.

She was an active church member, enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, traveling and volunteering around the world, reading, gardening, and was a patron of the arts. At age 73, Joy sold her house and car in Decatur to fulfill her dream of living downtown Chicago with beautiful views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John T. Arthur, Jr, Floyd B Arthur, Robert F. Arthur; and husband, Robert L. Witt.

Survived by her children, Marcia (Kevin) Brezina of Glendale, Arizona; Craig (Jerri) Witt of Boca Raton, Florida; and Karen (Brett) Gordon of Mokena, Illinois; grandchildren, Paul Angichiodo, L. Cpl. Andrew Angichiodo, Ryan Witt, Grant Witt, Brady Witt, Anna Witt, Dylan Gordon and Drew Gordon; and brother Kenneth S.



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Arthur of Crossville, TN.

The family of Joy is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Online condolences may be directed to [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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AC

**Anne Chobot** posted:

I remember when "Dylan & Drew's Grandma" and I shared stories of books we read as if the stories were part of our actual lives. It was a warm summer day and she was wearing a sun hat while doing some front yard gardening to pass the time before the boys came home for lunch. Then she shared with me her desire to read the Hunger Games series and how she could not wait until a copy became available at the library. She placed the book on hold and was anxiously waiting for the book to become available. I thought I met a kindred spirit that sunny day! When I told her EJ and I owned a paperback copy that she could borrow; you would have thought I had offered to give her my winning lottery ticket. I remember her face so vividly on this day of all days. Maybe because we were talking about a matter of our hearts; books. Maybe because she looked so cute in her floppy sun hat. I don't know why. Then it couldn't have been more than a couple of weeks and an unexpected package arrived. It was the book with the sweetest little thank you note. It meant so much. It was so thoughtful for something so little. I thought to myself, it was just a book loan. No big deal but she made me feel like it was more than that. She always made EJ and I feel so loved and welcomed. They say you cannot always remember the words someone tells you but you can always remember how they made you feel. "Constant Joy" definitely describes the feeling and love too.

October 29 at 4:46 PM

RW

**Rhonda Henemeyer Wells** posted:

Marcia, so sorry to hear about your mom. Sounds like she really enjoyed living in Chicago. Hope you and your family are doing well in Arizona. Take care.

October 31 at 1:18 PM

JS

**Judy May Schlosser** posted:

I enjoyed many fun times with our families and babysitting the 3 of you. Before your mom moved to Chicago, I would see her and we would catch up on our families. I thought so much of her. I also respected both her and your father. She will be greatly missed by many as well.

October 31 at 11:22 AM



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JS

**Judy May Schlosser** posted:

Because of previous obligations, I can not attend today. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many memories of our families together and also I babysit for the 3 of you. Your mom, I would see from time to time before she moved to Chicago and she always had kind words and we would briefly catch up. I had much respect for her and thought what a fine person she is. I, along with you will miss her.

October 31 at 11:00 AM

FS

**Fern Stinson** posted:

My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Joy. I became a friend thru the Decatur mater gardener program , enjoying our many conversations about flowers and plants (and several other life events!)My last visit was when she was leaving to go to Chicago,She was one "lovely" lady!God Bless, Fern Stinson

October 29 at 6:03 PM

PP

**Philip D Precht** posted:

Just learned of Joy's passing. So terribly sorry. She was wife of Bob Witt, basketball coach at Eisenhower. Got to know Joy well through Bob, at their home, games, etc. She was a true lady, and always very nice to me.She will be missed. My thoughts are with Craig, Marcia and Karen.

October 29 at 8:43 AM

JM

**J. Thomas Mcnamara** posted:

Craig, my deepest condolences to you and your family over the death of your mother. I remember all the good times I spent in your Decatur home when your dad coached you and the Eisenhower Panthers and how gracious Joy was. I always enjoyed visiting with her after your dad's death. I can envision Heaven right now with Bob, Joy, Alex and Eubie sharing stories from their good old Eisenhower and Decatur days.tom mcnamara

October 28 at 4:18 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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